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Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment of Radioactive Material

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is issuing a revision to Regulatory Guide 7.4, "Leakage Tests on Packages for Radioactive Material."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

This revision to Regulatory Guide 7.4 provides licensees and applicants with a method the NRC considers acceptable for meeting the containment criteria for Type B packages described in 10 CFR 71.51, "Additional Requirements for Type B Packages." The revised regulatory guide endorses the methods and procedures described in ANSI Standard N14.5-1997, "Radioactive Materials – Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment" approved February 1998.

The NRC staff developed and published this guidance to provide licensees and applicants with an acceptable method to satisfy the requirements in 10 CFR Part 71 and Part 20

for transferring, shipping, and receiving radioactive material.

II. Further Information

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 7.4 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-7008. Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-7008, was published in the *Federal Register* on March 1, 2011 (76 FR 11288) for a 60 days public comment period. The public comment period closed on April 26, 2011. The NRC staff's responses to the public comments on DG-7008 are available under ADAMS Accession Number ML112520028.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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